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TIME IN NATURE: CARING

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Artists Wanted!

The <u>Bernice Kish Gallery</u> at Slayton House is accepting applications for artists to exhibit at the galleries for the 2017 gallery season. The Gallery Screening Committee will be reviewing applications in the Spring of 2016 for artists to exhibit in 2017. The deadline to submit an application is Wednesday, June 1, 2016. To access an application, go to http://www.wildelake.org/events-programs/the-bernice-kish-gallery-at-slayton-house/

Send the completed application to:

Carole Black, Gallery Director Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton House 10400 Cross Fox Lane Columbia, Maryland 21044

or email to gallery@wildelake.org

Current Gallery Events

Current exhibits include Charles Bowers' work, "Natures Colors Textures Patterns" in the Lobby Gallery and Paul Kerris' "Graphic Stylings" in the Bill White Room Gallery. These exhibits will run through Saturday, May 7.







Greeting

Spring weather has finally arrived! This coming week is full of fun opportunities to get outside and explore all that Howard County has to offer. I'll see you around town!



Coming up in the Black Box Theatre

Spectrum

Saturday, April 16 – 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

A part of Kinetics Dance Theatre's Student Company spring showcase, "Spectrum" will feature a variety of contemporary dance styles such as Modern, Jazz, Musical Theatre and more. The show will carry you through an array of emotions that will be sure to leave a lasting impression. \$7 in advance. For info and tickets visit kineticsdance.org.



Into the Woods

Sunday, April 24 & Monday, April 25 - 7:00 p.m.

This musical combines classic characters and storylines from several Brothers Grimm fairy tales, delivered with a modern flair! Presented by <u>Schoolhouse Theater Arts</u>. Free; no ticket required.

Howard County Center for the Arts Black Box Theater 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Earth Forum of Howard County

Time in Nature: Caring and Sharing Sunday, April 17 — 2:00 p.m.

This event is part of a long-running series of Earth Forums regularly held at The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County. This time around, join in the fun of Earth Week as speaker Chiara D'Amore tells the story behind the ideas, growth and success of her very popular organization, Columbia Families in Nature (CFIN). Listen as



she illustrates how and why CFIN works to give children a sense of well-being and confidence that allows them to connect with the world around them and strengthen family relationships.

Nature lovers of all ages can then head outside to enjoy a variety of Earth Week activities. Children may plant flowers in a Monarch way station, assemble seed bursts, and try out butterfly yoga. Adult nature lovers may remove invasive weeds, ask spring garden questions, see water management installations, stroll the gardens, or join the Food in Film group for viewing and discussion. End the afternoon gathered around the outdoor campfire roasting S'mores and visiting with new friends.

Registration is necessary for parents or grandparents with children. Please register at:

http://www.columbiafamiliesinnature.org/sign-up---contact.html

or www.surveymonkey.com/r/CFINpre-registration.

Child care will be provided on Sunday from 1:45 p.m. – 3: 30 p.m. if space is reserved by Friday, April 15 by calling 410-730-3545.



The Earth Forum is held at:

The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, MD

It is free and open to all. Information and directions are at www.earthforumhc.org. Please contact earthforum@firstpreshc.org with any questions.



MakingChange-Increasing Financial Security!

Money Matters Fair

Sunday, April 24 — 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Making Change empowers individuals and families to achieve financial stability. As a part of their series of Financial Wellness Programs, the Money Matters Fair has expanded its offerings for the entire family. Located at Wilde Lake High School, the free financial education activities include workshops, one-on-one sessions with professionals, and exhibitors. There will be entertainment and food for sale by the Wilde Lake High School PTSA.

For parents and other adults, five major sessions are scheduled:

- Credit \$marts Get and Review your free credit report
- Planning Makes Cent\$ -- Meet one-on-one with a Financial Planner
- Who Has Their Eye on Your information Protect yourself from identify theft
- Take Control of Your \$ -- Learn home budgeting tips
- Going Long Setting goals that work for you



For youth and teens, the Y-Fi Personal Financial Challenge includes an opportunity to put your money skills to the test. The interactive reality simulation reveals how career, education and spending choices impact success. The popular Y-Fi challenge appeals to middle and high school students.

Other features include the MakingChange Money Booth "Cashinator." Participants enter the booth and try to catch a raffle ticket and win a prize. A Financial Cent\$ Scavenger Hunt is also planned.

Wilde Lake High School 5460 Trumpeter Rd Columbia, MD 21044

Reach out to MakingChange – Financial Wellness Programs by phone at (410) 313-0239 or by Email at info@makingchangecenter.org

Tell the Community How to Best Meet Your Needs!

The Howard County Office of Children's Services needs your help to build a stronger, healthier community! Please take this questionnaire to provide feedback on Howard County's community needs, strengths and gaps for children and families. Your participation and voice are important to the Governor's Office for Children and the Howard County Local Children's Board.



This assessment will especially help Howard County understand the community needs related to (1) disconnected youth, (2) childhood hunger, (3) youth homelessness, and (4) the impact of incarceration on

families. (You do not have to be a person in-need to take this survey. We want to hear from everyone.) Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to complete this survey:

http://stratigixconsulting.howard-county-family-youth.sgizmo.com/s3/

For more information, contact Carl DeLorenzo, Director of Policy and Programs, at cdelorenzo@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-2172.

Parent Pages: Advice and Events for Families



Howard County's Department of Citizen Services is pleased to announce the release of the Spring 2016 Edition of Parent Pages, a newsletter designed for parents and families raising children in Howard County. The Spring issue contains articles about positive approaches to

finding your child's passion. You can also find information on the many workshops sponsored by the <u>Howard County</u> <u>Family Institute</u> regarding behavior concerns, health, safety, grandparent needs, and technology. The next topic is:

Worries, Concerns and Apprehension Monday, April 18 — 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Schoolwork, friends, reactions to negative experiences, or just the anticipation of something happening-children can be overwhelmed by everyday occurrences. Attend this workshop to:

- Review the signs and the symptoms of worry in children
- Understand how to identify what is causing your child
 stress
- Learn techniques to teach and demonstrate strategies to help your child process and solve their worries

For more information, call 410-313-1940 or email children@howardcountymd.gov.

Vivα Lα Vidα Columbia Festival of the Arts Spring Festival

Each weekend through April 24, CFA presents exciting selections that include a celebration of Latin-inspired music, food, artists, cool vendors, mini-dance lectures, cha cha lessons, and a Taste of Latin America.



Meet and Greet with La Santa Cecilia Saturday, April 16 — 2:30 p.m.

Followed by the:

La Santa Cecilia CONCERT

Saturday, April 16 — 8:30 p.m.

Come on down to Whole Foods, Columbia for a FREE intimate chat with the talented musicians that make up La Santa Cecilia. Meet accordionist and requintero Jose "Pepe" Carlos, bassist Alex Bendana, percussionist Miguel "Oso" Ramirez and lead vocalist Marisol "La Marisoul" Hernandez.

Before the band performs live Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m., this moderated and personal conversation explores the challenging journey for each of the group's members and how their proud cultural heritage has influenced their music. Don't miss this rare opportunity! Vamos!

Film: East Side Sushi Saturday, April 23 — 7:00 p.m.

The film East Side Sushi will not be released on DVD until May 3rd!
See it first on the Big Screen,
Saturday, April 23 as part of
Columbia Festival of the Arts!
Limited seating still available!

http://columbiafestival.org/event/film-east-side-sushi/

For more information on events and tickets, visit CFA's website.

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